

Comparison Handout

Outdoor Soccer Laws	Futsal Laws
Field of Play	Pitch
A (1) penalty mark per half	A penalty mark and a 2 nd penalty mark per half
Technical area	Substitution zone
Large 8' x 24' goal	Small 6'6" (2m) x 9'10" (3m) goal
Surface is grass, turf or dirt	Surface is wood, artificial material or turf
Regular #5 Ball	Only #4 ball with reduced bounce
11 players on field	5 players on pitch
3 substitutions	Unlimited "flying" substitutions
No Sub for player sent off	Player sent off can be replaced after 2 min
Main Referee, two Assistant Referees, 4 th Official	Referee, 2 nd Referee, 3 rd Referee and Timekeeper
Referee is on field, AR's off field	Referees are usually outside pitch, but enter when necessary
45-minute halves	20-minute halves
Running clock kept by Referee	Visible running clock which stops when ball is out of play
No time-outs allowed	1 min time out per team per half
Offside Law used	Offside does not apply
10 DFK & 8 IFK offenses	10 DFK & 8 (add 1; drop 1) IFK offenses
Only referee decides on persistent infringement	DFK are accumulated fouls, 6+ fouls no wall from 2 nd Penalty Mark
10 yards required on free kicks	16' (5m) required on free kicks
Unlimited fouling	5 - DFK fouls per team per half
Always form a defensive wall	No wall allowed after 5 DFK fouls in a half
Shoulder charge allowed	No deliberate charging allowed (DFK foul); Unintentional incidental shoulder contact allowed
Slide Tackling allowed	No slide tackles of opponent with ball except by GK
Throw-in	Kick-in
Goal kick by any defender	Goal Clearance by Goalkeeper
No absolute time limit to restart play	4 second rule on all restarts
5-6 seconds on GK release from hands	4 seconds on GK release from possession hands or feet combined
Corner kick placed in arc	No difference (previously required to be placed on corner)
Keeper after distributing can use feet outside penalty area	Keeper restricted on contact with ball in defensive half after releasing